

==== W1P:

- TI Pneumatic tyre with increased grip force, without deteriorating shear stiffness in which tread surface, excluding groove regions, is filled with I-shaped sipes extending in two directions perpendicular to each other
- AB J08276709 In a pneumatic tyre of a new tread pattern, tread surface (1), excluding the groove regions, is filled with many I-shaped sipes (2) extended in two directions perpendicular to each other. It is recommended that the sipe (2) has the width of about 8mm, depth 10mm and end circles with dia of 1mm, while the blocks bounded by sipes (2) have the side lengths c and d equal to 5mm. Also claimed is that instead of the foregoing I-shaped sipes, many Y-shaped sipes are closely distributed on the tread surface, which are arranged in the three directions crossing each other with 120deg..
 - ADVANTAGE Grip force on almost any road is increased, without deteriorating shear stiffness.

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TI - TIRE

AB - PURPOSE: To attain high gripping force and shearing rigidity in all road surfaces by disposing a plurality of sipes whose plane shapes are of I shape over the whole surface of a tread other than a groove part closely to each other alternately longitudinally and latitudinally.

- CONSTITUTION: A plurality of sipes 2 whose plane shapes are of I shape over the whole surface of a tread other than a groove part are disposed closely to each other alternately longitudinally and latitudinally. The respective sipes 2, whose dimensions are small in the horizontal direction and whose side shapes are in a rectangle, are engraved deeply. The ends of the respective sipes 2 are formed into a hollow cylindrical shape 8, thus avoiding shear stress concentration, and assisting in improving the flexibility of hinge-shape jointed parts 7. The hinge-shaped jointed parts 7 are arranged in a zigzag form on any of longitudinal, lateral and diagonal block lines, so they work like an accordion curtain, tend to expand and contract easily in the horizontal direction, and generates large drag against lateral inclination, longitudinal crack and buckling, thus exhibiting high shearing rigidity.

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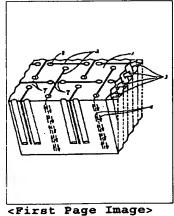
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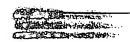
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(54) 【発明の名称】 タイヤ

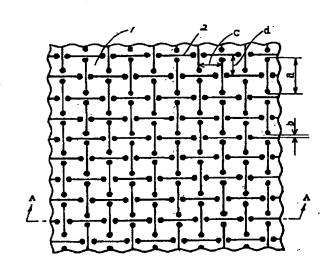
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【課題】あらゆる路面における高いグリップカと剪断剛 性が得られるタイヤを得ること。

【解決手段】タイヤのトレッドに図1に示すように平面 形状が I 字形状をなしている多数のサイブを縦横交互に 近接配置した。また、図5に示すように平面形状がY字 形状をなしている多数のサイプを同一方向に近接配置した。

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【特許蔚求の笕囲】

【請求項1】 溶部を除くトレッドの全面に渡って平面形 状がI字形状をなしている多弦のサイブを燈横交互に近 接配燈してなるタイヤ。各サイプは水平方向の寸法が短 く、かつ深く刻まれており、側面形状は短冊状をなして いる。

状がY字形状をなしている多数のサイブを同一方向に近 接配置してなるタイヤ。各サイプは水平方向の寸法が短 く、かつ深く刻まれており、3辺の短冊が中央でつなが 10 った形状をなしている。

【発明の詳細な説明】

[0001]

【発明の属する技術分野】本発明はタイヤに関する。

[0002]

【従来の技術】従来のタイヤのトレッドパターンにおい ては、湿潤路面や氷雪路面では排水消やサイブの総延長 距離を長くするほど路面との密着性が良くなり、グリッ プカが向上する反面、トレッド即性が低下することによ り耐摩耗性や操舵応答性などが低下するという問題があ 20

【0003】夏用タイヤのグリップ力は一般にトレッド **剛性を下げるほど大きくなるが、これは路面の微小な凹** 凸への追従性が良くなり、主に路面との接触面粒拡大と 荷重分布の平準化により、粘着摩擦力が大きくなるため である。

【0004】一般に同一のトレッドパターンでゴム素材 の変更によりトレッド剛性を下げると、剪断剛性低下、 全体的な変形量増大、ヒステリシスによる発熱の増大、 耐摩耗性の悪化を頃次招いてしまう。

【0005】トレッド即性を下げるには、低即性ゴム素 材を用いるほかに澣やサイプを多く刻む方法があるが、 従来の手法ではいずれも伝がり抵抗、耐発熱性、耐摩耗 性、操舵応答性などが悪化し、燃資、旋回性能、高速走 行時のしっかり感の低下をもたらしてしまう。

【0006】また、スタッドレスタイヤにおけるグリッ プカは、サイプによるエッジ効果や混入物による機械的 摩擦力も加わるが、粘着摩擦力が主体であることは夏用 タイヤと同様である。

【0007】従って、排水滑やサイブを致多く刻むと氷 40 雪路面でのグリップ力は向上するものの、剪断即性の低 下による影響が顕著に現れるため、あまり細かいパター ンを刻むことが出来ない。

[0008]

【発明が解決しようとしている課題】本発明では、以下 (a)~(c)の課題を掲げた。

- (a) 路面を選ばず高いグリップ力が得られること。
- (b) 操舵応答性に優れること。
- (c) 耐摩耗性に優れること。

[0009]

【課題を解決するための手段】科部を除くトレッドの全 面に渡って平面形状がI字形状をなしている多数のサイ プを縦横交互に近接配置した。各サイブは水平方向の寸 法が短く、かつ深く刻まれており、側面形状は短冊状を なしている。また同様に、平面形状がY字形状をなして いる多数のサイプを同一方向に近接配置した。各サイプ は水平方向の寸法が短く、かつ深く刻まれており、3辺 の短冊が中央でつながった形状をなしている。

【0010】トレッドゴムの即性は回転方向の剪断閉 性、幅方向の剪断剛性、半径方向の圧矯剛性に分けら れ、耐摩耗性、操舵応答性、グリップ力にそれぞれ対応 して影容を与えている。

【0011】そこで、耐摩耗性や操舵応答性を悪化させ ずにグリップカを向上させるには、回伝方向と幅方向の 剪断即性を維持しつつ、圧縮剛性のみを低下させれば良

【0012】トレッドに前述のサイブを穿設すると、I 字形状であれば四角柱状プロック、Y字形状であれば三 角柱状プロックが底面から垂直にプラシ状に林立するこ とになるが、各サイブは互いに接近しているものの、わ ずかに離れているため、各柱状プロックは完全には独立 せず、側面を向かい合わせて隣接するプロックにそれぞ れ垂直方向の1辺でヒンジ状に接続されている。

【0013】サイプの端部は中空の円柱状になってお り、引き裂き応力の集中を避けると共に、接続部の柔軟 性向上の役目も担っている。なお、先端が円弧状であれ ば図7の様な円環状でも、図8の様な円弧が閉じていな い形状でも差し支えない。

【0014】ヒンジ状の接続部分(8)はプロックの縦 横斜め各列とも左右にジグザグに並ぶため、アコーディ オンカーテンと同様の作用をもたらし、水平方向には容 易に伸縮するものの、横倒れや縦割れおよび座屈に対し 大きな抗力を生ずる。

【0015】この結果、柱状プロックはほぼ独立して垂 直方向のみに伸縮することが出来、低別性ゴム素材を用 いても高い剪断別性を維持することが出来る。

【発明の実施の形態】実物のタイヤの製作が出来ないた め、100mm×100mm×20mmのトレッド試験 片を射出成型用ゴムと型枠により製作した。

【0017】スポーツ走行用タイヤはスリックタイヤを 想定し、全面 [字形状サイプとした。サイプ(2)の各 寸法は水平面上の辺の長さ(a)を8mm、ヒンジ部分 となる辺の延長線上の接続部(7)の長さ(b)を1m m、両端の円柱状の空間(8)の半径を0.5mm、深 さを10mmとした。このサイプに囲まれる柱状プロッ ク (1) の寸法は幅 (c) 5 mm×奥行き (d) 5 mm ×高さ(e) 10mmとなる。

【0018】一般夏用タイヤは滯付きタイヤを想定し、

プロック部分のみ「字形状サイブとした。プロックの大

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きさは $20 \text{ mm} \times 20 \text{ mm} \times 10 \text{ mm}$ とし、サイプ (2) の各寸法はスリックタイヤと同一とした。

【0019】スタッドレスタイヤは一股夏用タイヤと同様溶付きタイヤを想定し、プロック部分のみY字形状サイプとした。サイプ(2)の各寸法は水平面上の各辺の長さ(f)を4mm、ヒンジ部分となる辺の延長憩上の接続部(7)の長さ(g)を1mm、両端の円柱状の空間(8)の半径を0.5mm、深さを15mmとした。このサイプに囲まれる三角柱状プロックの寸法は三角形の一辺が5mmで高さが15mmとなる。

【0020】また、スポーツ走行用タイヤと一份夏用タイヤについては、それぞれ比較実験用としてトレッド形状が同一でサイブがないだけのものを製作した。スタッドレスタイヤについては、従来の連続サイブを刻んだものを製作した。

【0021】これらの試験片を各種路面にてテストした 結果、いずれも路面摩擦力の向上が見られ、しかも剪断 関性の低下はほとんど見られなかった。

【0022】個々には、スポーツ走行用タイヤについては、グリップカの大幅な向上が得られた。一般夏用タイ 20ヤについては、荒れた路面でのグリップカの低下が減少した。スタッドレスタイヤについては、左右方向のグリップカの向上と剪断別性の大幅な向上が得られた。

[0023]

【発明の効果】本発明のタイヤでは以下 $(a) \sim (d)$ の効果が得られた。

(a) あらゆる路面でグリップ力が向上する。

(c) スタッドレスタイヤにおいては高速走行時でもしかっりした操舵感が得られる。

(d)スタッドレスタイヤにおいてはグリップ力の方向 差がなくなる。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】 I 字形状サイプの上面図である。

【図2】図2におけるA-A断面図である。

10 【図3】柱状プロックの変形パターンの側面図である。

【図4】トレッドに横方向の力を加えた際の斜視図である。

【図 5】プロックパターンのプロック部に I 字サイプを 穿散した上面図である。

【図6】Y字形状サイプの上面図である。

【図7】サイプ端部の変形を示す平面図である。

【図8】サイブ端部の変形を示す平面図である。

【符号の説明】

1 アウトソール部材

2 サイプ

3 踏み込んだ際に励く横力

4 ヒンジ部に生じる応力

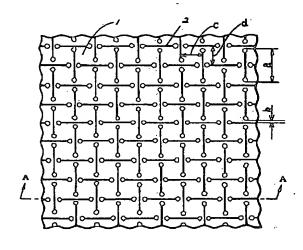
5 プロックパターンの湾

6 プロック部

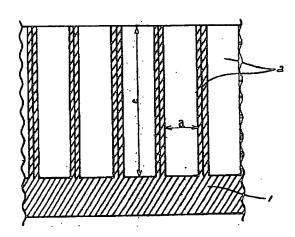
7 ヒンジ部

8 サイブ端部の円柱状空間





[図2]



[図7]

[図8]



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The tire which comes to carry out contiguity arrangement of the ****** of the masses to which it crosses all over the tread except Mizobe, and the flat-surface configuration is making the I character configuration by turns [in-every-direction]. The dimension with each horizontal ****** is minced short and deeply, and the side face configuration is making the shape of a strip of paper.

[Claim 2] The tire which comes to carry out contiguity arrangement of the ****** of the masses to which it crosses all over the tread except Mizobe, and the flat-surface configuration is making the shape of a Y shape in the same orientation. The horizontal dimension is minced short and deeply and each ****** is making the configuration where the strip of paper whose number is three was connected in the center.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[The technical field to which invention belongs] this invention relates to a tire. [0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] In the tread pattern of the conventional tire, on a humid road surface or a snow-and-ice road surface, while the adhesion with a road surface became good and the grip force improved so that a drainage gutter and the total extended distance of ***** were lengthened, when tread rigidity fell, there was a problem that antiwear quality, control-response nature, etc. fell.

[0003] Although the grip force of the tire for summer becomes so large that tread rigidity is generally lowered, this is because the flattery nature to the minute irregularity of a road surface becomes good and the sticking-friction force mainly becomes large by a touch-area expansion with a road surface, and equalization of distribution of load.

[0004] If tread rigidity is generally lowered by change of a rubber material by the same tread pattern, a shearing reduction of rigidity, overall deformation increase, increase of generation of heat by the hysteresis, and wear-resistant aggravation will be caused one by one.

[0005] although there is the technique of using a low rigidity rubber material, and also mincing many slots and ******s in order to lower tread rigidity -- the conventional technique -- each -- rolling resistance, generation-of-heat-proof nature, antiwear quality, control-response nature, etc. -- getting worse -- the time of mpg, turnability, and a high-speed run -- a fall of admiration will be brought firmly

[0006] Moreover, the grip force of the sticking-friction force being a subject in a studless tire is the same as that of the tire for summer, although the mechanical-friction force by the edge effect by ****** or the contaminant is also applied.

[0007] Therefore, if many drainage gutters and ******s are minced, although it improves, since the influence by fall of shearing rigidity appears notably, the grip force in a snow-and-ice road surface cannot mince a not much fine pattern.

[0008]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] In this invention, the technical probrem of (a) - (c) was hung up below.

- (a) A road surface is not chosen but the high grip force should be acquired.
- (b) Excel in control-response nature.
- (c) Excel in antiwear quality.

[0009]

[Means for Solving the Problem] Contiguity arrangement of the ****** of the masses to which it crosses all over the tread except Mizobe, and the flat-surface configuration is making the I character configuration was carried out by turns [in-every-direction]. The dimension with each horizontal ****** is minced short and deeply, and the side face configuration is making the shape of a strip of paper. Moreover, the flat-surface configuration carried out contiguity arrangement of the ****** of the masses which are making the shape of a Y shape in the same orientation similarly. The horizontal dimension is minced short and deeply and each ****** is making the configuration where the strip of paper whose number is three was connected in the center.

[0010] The rigidity of tread rubber is divided into the shearing rigidity of a hand of cut, the shearing rigidity of the width-of-face orientation, and radial compression rigidity, and has affected it respectively corresponding to antiwear quality, control-response nature, and the grip force. [0011] Then, what is necessary is just to reduce only compression rigidity, maintaining the shearing rigidity of a hand of cut and the width-of-face orientation, in order to raise the grip force, without worsening antiwear quality and control-response nature.

[0012] It connects with the shape of a hinge by one side respectively perpendicular to the block which each pillar-shaped block does not become independent completely since it is slightly separated, although the shape of a brush will bristle perpendicularly [a triangle pole-like block] from a base if it is an I character configuration when ****** of the above-mentioned [tread] is drilled and it is a square pole-like block and a Y shape-like and each ****** is approaching mutually, but the side face is opposed, and adjoins.

[0013] The edge of ****** is also bearing the duty on the flexible disposition of a connection while it is the shape of a circular cylinder in the air and avoids a concentration of tear stress. In addition, if the nose of cam is circular, even when it is in a circle, it will not interfere in the configuration which radii as shown in <u>drawing 8</u> have not closed as shown in <u>drawing 7</u>, either. [0014] The amount of [hinge-like] (8) connection produces big reaction to the failure by width, a vertical crack, and buckling, although the same operation as an accordion curtain is brought and it expands and contracts easily horizontally, in order to locate in a line zigzag in-every-direction slanting each train of a block with right and left.

[0015] Consequently, a pillar-shaped block can be mostly expanded and contracted independently in a perpendicular chisel, and even if it uses a low rigidity rubber material, high shearing rigidity is maintainable.

[0016]

[Embodiments of the Invention] Since a manufacture of the tire of life was not able to be performed, the 100mmx100mmx20mm tread test piece was manufactured with the rubber for injection molding, and the frame mold.

[0017] The tire for a sport run was made into whole surface configuration ****** of I characters supposing the ******* tire. The radius of the space (8) of the shape of 1mm and a circular cylinder of ends was set to 0.5mm, and the depth was set to 10mm for the length (b) of the connection (7) on the extension wire of the side where each dimension of ******* (2) becomes a part for 8mm and a hinge region about the length (a) of the side on a level surface. The dimension of the pillar-shaped block (1) surrounded by this ****** is set to width-of-face (c)5mmx depth (d) 5mmx height (e)10mm.

[0018] The tire for general summer made only the block fraction I character configuration ****** supposing the tire with a slot. The size of a block was set to 20mmx20mmx10mm, and made each dimension of ****** (2) the same as that of a ******* tire.

[0019] The studless tire made only the block fraction Y shape-like ****** like the tire for general summer supposing the tire with a slot. The radius of the space (8) of the shape of 1mm and a circular cylinder of ends was set to 0.5mm, and the depth was set to 15mm for the length (g) of the connection (7) on the extension wire of the side where each dimension of ******* (2) becomes a part for 4mm and a hinge region about the length (f) of each side on a level surface. As for the dimension of the triangle pole-like block surrounded by this ******, a height is set to 15mm by one side of a triangle by 5mm.

[0020] Moreover, about the tire for a sport run, and the tire for general summer, as an object for comparative experimentss, the tread configuration was the same and manufactured only the thing without ******, respectively. What minced the conventional continuity ****** was manufactured about the studless tire.

[0021] As a result of testing these test pieces on various road surfaces, the enhancement in roadsurface frictional force was seen for all, and, moreover, most falls of shearing rigidity were not seen.

[0022] Separately, the large enhancement in the grip force was obtained about the tire for a sport run. About the tire for general summer, the fall of the grip force in the rough road surface

decreased. About the studiess tire, the enhancement in the grip force of a longitudinal direction and the large enhancement in shearing rigidity were obtained.

[0023]

[Effect of the Invention] With the tire of this invention, the effect of (a) - (d) was acquired below.

- (a) The grip force improves on all road surfaces.
- (b) Since it is not dependent on the rigidity of rubber too much, a busy rubber material is employable.
- (c) The feeling of steering which carried out deer **** also in the time of a high-speed run in the studless tire is obtained.
- (d) The orientation difference of the grip force is lost in a studless tire.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is the plan of I character configuration *****.

[Drawing 2] It is A-A sectional drawing in drawing 2.

[Drawing 3] It is the side elevation of the deformation pattern of a pillar-shaped block.

[Drawing 4] It is a perspective diagram at the time of applying the lateral force to a tread.

[Drawing 5] It is the plan which drilled I character ***** in the block section of a block pattern.

[Drawing 6] It is the plan of Y shape-like *****.

[Drawing 7] It is the plan showing deformation of a ***** edge.

[Drawing 8] It is the plan showing deformation of a ***** edge.

[Description of Notations]

1 Out SOL Member

2 *****

3 Lateral Force Committed when it Breaks In

4 Stress Produced in Hinge Region

5 Slot of Block Pattern

6 Block Section

7 Hinge Region

8 Circular Cylinder-like Space of ***** Edge

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